

**Montgomery United Methodist Church**  
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**www.WelcomeChurch.net** - *The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski, Senior Pastor*  
**The Weekly Reminder** – October 21st, 2018

**Greetings from the Pastor**

Dear Friend in Christ,

Ordained ministers like me are not the only ones called to God's service. Every baptized Christian is called to be one of God's lights in the world. The Ministry of the Laity is what we are celebrating today. It's a longstanding Methodist tradition.

Dr. Laura Bell, our amazing pianist, organist, and Children's Choir director, has experienced a strong inspiration from the Lord to deliver this morning's message. I am delighted to welcome her to the pulpit today. Her message is one of personal testimony as well as an invitation to draw closer to the Lord. I am confident that we will be deeply blessed by her message today.

Thank you, Dr. Bell, for calling us to a closer walk with the Lord today.  
Your friend, *Pastor Tony*

**2. The Rummage Sale Was a Success!**

Many, many thanks to everyone who participated in any way in our Rummage Sale and Bake Sale. A tremendous amount of work goes into making this event happen but it is a blessing in many ways. Rummage Sale funds are used to help United Methodist Missions and women and children around the globe, and helps our Church as well. All proceeds from the Bake Shop and Café are donated to hurricane relief efforts in Florida and Puerto Rico. Thank you so very much, everyone, and God bless you.

**3. This Morning's Envelope**

Our Special Offering envelope this morning will be used toward direct help for hurricane relief efforts in Florida and Puerto Rico. Please make your check payable to Montgomery United Methodist Church (MUMC) and memo it "Hurricane Relief". Thank you and God bless you!

**4. The Sacrament of Baptism**

Next week we will be celebrating the sacrament of Baptism. If you have a child of any age (or you yourself!) who would be interested in being baptized next week, please see Pastor Tony after the service.

**5. The Christian Academy Program is Coming!**

We are working together to bring a brand new program of Christian education to our Church. We are calling it "The Christian Academy Program". You'll be hearing more about it over the next few weeks. This rewards based program borrows the notion of merit badge awards from the Boy and Girl Scouts. It seems to be rather unique. We look forward to pioneering our home version of it here.

**6. Live Audio Broadcast (LAB) News**

In an effort to improve the quality and especially the reliability of our LAB, we have recently invested in new equipment as well as a protective back up system for our Sunday service transmissions.

We are diligently attempting to eliminate interruptions in our broadcast as much as possible for our online congregation.

Still, "glitches" may happen. If the signal is dropped while you are listening to our service, please try logging on to the site <WelcomeChurch.net> and the LAB link again. Although we hope this won't happen, if you do lose the signal and the reboot doesn't help, please write to me at [PastorTony@MontgomeryUMC.org](mailto:PastorTony@MontgomeryUMC.org) and we will do our best to try and fix it. Thank you for your patience and your faithfulness.

**7. Handbell Choir Is Fun!**

We are welcoming new Hand Bell Ringers. No experience needed - come give handbells a try - we are willing to train! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 PM. Please consider giving it a try for a month or two. There is a signup in Friendship Hall. See Dr. Bell for more information.

Thanks from: *The Hand Bell Choir Team.*

**8. Discovery Bible Sunday**

The Discovery Bible Study is held in the Library from 9:45-10:15 AM on Sundays. All are welcome to come! We read the scripture, share our insights, direction and end with prayer. All material will be provided. Thank you, *Brian & Elaine Mallett*

## 9. Daily Word Reading

We are adding a new element to our worship service this morning: a reading from The Daily Word magazine. This item is brought to us by the youth of our Church. Any one of school age is encouraged to read The Daily Word for us (grammar school through college/grad school). Please sign up to read on the bulletin board in the café.

Daily Word magazines are available in the Reading Corner. The reader may select any selection they prefer (you are not limited to the reading of the day, though you may use it). Sign up today if you would like to have a chance to read. Directions are near the sign up sheet.

## 10. Songs of Inspiration - A Benefit Concert for The American Cancer Society - TODAY!

Please join us and help raise money for the **American Cancer Society** this Sunday October 21st, 2018 at a concert from 7 PM to 9 PM at **Montgomery United Methodist Church** 117 Sunset Road, Belle Mead, NJ. Come enjoy a free spaghetti dinner (6 PM-6:50 PM) and then be inspired by some of the brightest young talent from the world of community theater and beyond; they'll be singing pop songs and show tunes that have inspired them. Free will donations to the American Cancer Society are gladly accepted. For more info see our flier on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Frank Picone at (732) 598-2062.

## 11. Happy Birthday to You!

**October** - 2 - Matthew Snowdon; 2 - Samantha Dandy; 2 - Alyssa Reiman; 3 - Stacy Ladyman; 7 - Tammy Quick; 8 - Sean Ridder; 11 - Laurie Scott; 12 - Melissa Miller; 12 - Betty Ruppert; 14 - Ruth Gunsell; 15 - Kieran Hamrah; 15 - Sebastian Cruz; 16 - Joseph Librizzi; 17 - Barbara Ewick; 18 - Jeff Blakemore; 18 - Colleen Ridder; 19 - David Ruddock; 20 - Brian Thompson; **21 - Connie Gray; 21 - Brian Mallett; 22 - Kaye Foster Cheek; 27 - Bette Gonella; 27 - Makayla Judith Mae Varela; 28 - Sandra Bjornsen; 28 - Steve Cooper; 31 - Ben Dubberly**

**12. The Prayer List:** Guidelines: 1.) Names will remain on the Prayer List for 30 days. 2.) If you wish to keep the request for a longer period, simply call the Church office at (908) 874-3272 or contact Nancy Hranek at [nancyhranek@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhranek@gmail.com) or (609) 954-6743. Prayer requests can be renewed as often as you wish.

Let us surround our loved ones and friends with the blessed power of prayer: • For Pastor Tony's friend, **Jon Ryan**, who is currently imprisoned; (10/19/2018) • For **Anthony Bottitta**, Hedy's husband who is undergoing bladder surgery on October 23rd; (10/19/2018) • Prayers for **Chuck Ploe**, Deb's brother, for healing blessings as he recovers from a stroke. Also, please keep her brother, **Patrick** in your prayers for healing and blessings as his treatments continue. Let us express gratitude and offer prayers for Deb's sister-in-law **Gail Ploe** whose eye surgery was a success - healing blessings for full recovery; (10/18/2018) • For the **sister of Steve Cooper**, for comfort and healing; (10/11/2018) • For **Bob and Sandi Bjornsen**, for increasingly good health for themselves and family members; (10/11/2018) • For a person dear to a member of our Church family, for healing and peace; (10/11/2018) • Please keep in your prayers **Franny Neville**, a friend of Steve Heckel, who is grieving the loss of her sister, Helena (Honey) Hurley, who passed away on October 5th in Cupertino, CA. Honey was like a second mother to Franny; (10/5/2018) • Let us keep **Sue Wilder** and her family in our prayers. Her sister-in-law, **Beth** passed away recently; (09/28/2018) • Please keep **Mike Behn** in your prayers for the reduction of his pain; (9/20/2018) • Let us pray for **June Foster**, Kaye Foster's sister, who is having surgery on September 19th, 2018; (9/14/2018) • Please continue to pray for **Kaye Foster**, as she recovers from surgery; • Please keep **Jean Ammirata** and her daughter, **Stephanie Sayers** in your prayers, for the sudden loss of Jean's son-in-law and Stephanie's husband, **Alfred Gilliam**; • Let us pray for **Connie Gray**, who is recovering from recent surgery; • Please pray for David and Karen Lawrence's grandchildren, **Olivia, Hayley and Thomas Antonucci, Jr.**, who were born recently in July. All are doing amazingly well, (answered prayers!) but they were two months early, so please keep them in your prayers for ongoing health and development; • Prayers for **Robert Kurtz**, Orsola Burnette's husband, who is dealing with significant medical challenges.

*"Hold me in your prayers, Friend, hold me in your prayers; half the power of praying is knowing someone cares." (Marcus Bach)*